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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KANAMORI ET AL.

Examiner

Gary E. Elkins

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 14-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of the embodiment of figures 1-21 in the reply filed on 26 April 2005 is acknowledged. Claims 14-20 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wolf. Wolf discloses a carton body a with an opening, a partition plate b which divides the interior into multiple compartments and is capable of being moved along a plane passing through the plate outward of the opening, and a connection plate formed by portions c1, c2 as claimed.

4. Claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Eggenberger et al. Eggenberger discloses a carton body with an opening, a partition plate 42 which divides the interior into multiple compartments and is capable of being moved along a plane passing through the plate outward of the opening, and a connection plate formed by portions 52, 54 as claimed. With respect to claims 8 and 9, one of the apertures within the partition plate is considered a handle insofar as claimed.

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5. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by either Montealegre et al or Madonna et al. Each of Montealegre et al and Madonna et al discloses a carton body with an opening, a partition plate 36; 7, respectively which divides the interior into multiple compartments and is capable of being moved along a plane passing through the plate outward of the opening, and a connection plate formed by portions 32, 34; 9, portion between 9 and 3a, respectively as claimed. With respect to claim 8, 9, 12 and 13, it is noted that each of Montealegre et al or Madonna et al include a portion on either the partition plate or the connection plate which may be grasped, i.e. a handle capable of moving the partition and connection plates.

6. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oppen. Oppen discloses a carton including a carton body, a partition plate 34, 36 which divides the interior into multiple compartments (see figs. 5-7) and is capable of being moved along a plane passing through the plate outward of the opening, and a connection plate formed by portions 26, 32 as claimed. With respect to claims 3, 4, 10 and 11, the carton includes a object moving member 48 as claimed. With respect to claim 8-13, it is noted that Oppen includes a portion on either the partition plate or the connection plate which may be grasped, i.e. a handle capable of moving the partition and connection plates.

Conclusion

The remaining cited prior art is illustrative of the general state of the art.

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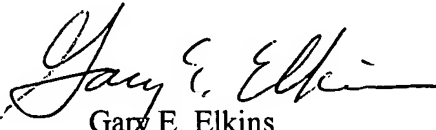
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the Examiner should be directed to Gary Elkins at telephone number (571)272-4537. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Nathan Newhouse can be reached at (571)272-4544.


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